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D. A. Osgathorpe, Trustee C/O Steve Osgathorpe 1700 White Canyon Road Park City, Utah 84060

Subject: <u>Unauthorized Mining, D. A. Osgathorpe Trustee, Champlin #1 Mine, S/023/0104, Juab County,</u>

**Utah** 

Dear Mr. Osgathorpe:

The Bureau of Land Management and the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining have received reports of mining activities at the Champlin #1 Mine that was operated by Nephi Sandstone Corporation. The site is under a cessation order issued August 6, 2014, and no mining, including removal of material, is allowed. The only permitted activity is reclamation.

Nephi Sandstone Corporation is no longer registered to do business in Utah, so the Notice of Intention to Commence Small Mining Operations needs to be transferred to another entity. The Division understands Bruce Evans and Craig Dansie intend to effect the transfer to DE Industries LLC, but this has yet to occur.

The Division also understands that the surface belongs to the D. A. Osgathorpe Trust, but the minerals belong to the United States Government. Because the mineral rights belong to the United States Government, the Bureau of Land Management must approve any mining operations.

For questions related to the State of Utah's cessation order or about the permitting process, please contact Wayne Western at 801-538-5263 or me at 801-538-5261. For issues related to the Bureau of Land Management, please call Cheryl LaRoque, Natural Resource Specialist, West Desert District, Fillmore Field Office, 95 East 500 North, Fillmore, Utah 84631, at 435-743-3121.

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